WELL, THEN...

...I'LL BE GOING NOW.

GOOD LUCK, ERI-SAN!!

YOU'LL BE FINE!!

WE'RE ALL CHEERING FOR YOU.

THANK YOU ALL.

SO ARE YOU MEETING HIM THIS EARLY?

IT'S ONLY 8 A.M.

WHAT? NO, I'M MEETING HIM AT 10 O'CLOCK.

HUH? THAT'S FIVE HOURS FROM NOW, ISN'T IT?

A DISASTER, HUH?

IF I GET THERE LATE AND LOSE MY TEMPER, IT COULD BE A DISASTER!

I TOLD YOU BEFORE, DIDN'T I? IF I DON'T GRADUALLY GET MY BODY USED TO THIS PLACE, IT COULD BE DANGEROUS.

ERI NEE-CHAN!!

...YEAH.

I'LL DO MY BEST...

GO AND GET THAT WEDDING!

I'LL BE HERE WAITING TO CONGRATU-LATE YOU!!

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THE CAFÉ TERRACE AND ITS GODDESSES

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ERI-SAN'S SO PRETTY, AFTER ALL!

I REALLY HOPE IT GOES OKAY!

IT'LL BE FINE!

WELL...NOW THAT YOU MENTION IT, SHE NEVER SAID.

WHAT'S ERI-SAN'S BOYFRIEND LIKE, ANYWAY?

NO.

HE CAME TO MY HIGH SCHOOL ENTRANCE CEREMONY, BUT I HAVEN'T SEEN HIM SINCE THEN.

AMI-CHAN, YOU KNOW HIM, RIGHT?

HAVE YOU SEEN HIM RECENTLY?

...WHAT DOES HE DO?

SO...

WHAT A WASTE!!

WHAT...? WHY?

BUT HE QUIT-

SO SHE'D BE MARRYING A RANK GUY*?!

H-HE WORKED FOR THE GOVERNMENT?! THAT'S IMPRESSIVE!!

UHH... HE WAS IN POLITICS FOR A WHILE-

*Riho meant "someone of rank" - with money/social status - but she said the Japanese phrase the wrong way around.

THE MAYOR?!

...AND NOW HE'S THE MAYOR.

AND THEN ...

...HE RAN FOR ELEC-TION...

I'M SORRY...

...FOR KEEPING YOU WAITING.

IT'S OKAY!!

I JUST GOT HERE MYSELF!!

REAL-LY?

THAT'S GOOD THEN.

OH... EXCUSE ME!

ONE COLA, PLEASE.

HM?

HUH...? DID YOU COME FROM WORK?

I NEEDED TO MAKE AN APPEARANCE AT THE SUMMER FESTIVAL EVENT.

I HAD THE OFFICIAL CAR DROP ME OFF ON THE WAY BACK.

I DON'T HAVE ANY BUSINESS AFTER THIS, SO I'M ALL YOURS.

...I SEE.

THAT'S GOOD THEN.

SO WHAT DO YOU WANT TO DO? SHALL WE GO SEE A MOVIE?

I ALREADY MADE A RESERVATION AT A RESTAU-RANT, JUST IN CASE.

AH... THANKS.

BUT BEFORE THAT...

THERE'S SOMETHING I WANTED TO TALK TO YOU ABOUT...

OH?

YEAH ...

YOU SEE...

...THE TWO OF US...

MR. MAYOR.

YOU LEFT THIS IN THE CAR, SO I CAME TO BRING IT TO YOU.

IT'S THE GIFT THAT THE PEOPLE FROM THE COMMITTEE GAVE YOU.

ERI-SAN, THIS IS SASAKI-SAN, MY SECRETARY.

WE ATTENDED TODAY'S EVENT TOGETHER.

N-NICE TO MEET YOU.

AH... SASAKI-SAN.

SORRY TO MAKE YOU GO OUT OF YOUR WAY.

I CAN'T BELIEVE I FORGOT SOMETHING SO IMPORTANT.

MR. MAYOR.

...

HUH...?

HOW EXACT-LY...

DO YOU KNOW THIS PERSON?

AH...OF COURSE. MY APOLOGIES.

I WOULD APPRECIATE IT IF YOU COULD INFORM ME IN ADVANCE FROM NOW ON.

THIS WASN'T IN YOUR SCHEDULE.

IS THAT SO?

SHE CAME ALL THE WAY FROM THE COUNTRYSIDE TO VISIT ME TODAY.

AH... ERI-SAN IS MY PARTNER.

OO Mayor
Takumi Fujioka

Secretary
Yoko Sasaki

AH... THANKS! I'M YASUDA!!

SORRY, I DON'T HAVE A BUSINESS CARD!!

IT IS A PLEASURE TO MAKE YOUR ACQUAINTANCE.

MY NAME IS SASAKI. I AM THE MAYOR'S SECRETARY.

I'M NOT THAT IMPORTANT, I'M STILL JUST A NOVICE, AFTER ALL.

YOU'VE REALLY BECOME AN IMPORTANT GUY, HAVEN'T YOU, TAK-KUN...?

YOU EVEN HAVE A SECRETARY.

WOW...

INCIDENTALLY, YASUDA-SAN...

...DO YOU HAPPEN TO KNOW THE MAYOR FROM YOUR UNIVERSITY DAYS?

UH...

NO...I'M ONLY A HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATE...

WE'RE LIKE CHILDHOOD FRIENDS, OR RATHER...

I SEE... MY APOL-OGIES.

SO, WHAT KIND OF WORK ARE YOU CURRENTLY ENGAGED IN?

UM...

WELL ...

I JUST WORK PART-TIME...

IN MY HOME-TOWN.

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CAFÉ TERRACE

DID YOU TALK TO TSURUGA?

...HM?

ABOUT HOW SHE SHOULD GO TO THE SUMMER TRAINING CAMP.

ABOUT THAT... SHE'S GOT A LOT GOING ON AT THE MOMENT...

GOING ON?

SOMETHING OTHER THAN BEING BUSY WITH WORK?

WELL...

YEAH ...

EVEN-TUALLY, I'LL-

CLANG CLANG

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A HA HA HA!

'M BAAACK!

ERI-SAN.

ARE YOU DRUNK?

WATER PLEASE, HAYATO-KUUUN!

I FEEL LIKE I'M GONNA THROW UP!

WHOA!! NOT IN HERE!

YOU BROKE UP?!

...YEP.

A CLEAN BREAK.

WH-WHY?! DID HE TURN DOWN YOUR PROPOSAL?!

NOT AT ALL!

I DIDN'T TALK TO HIM ABOUT THAT IN THE END.

WHAT?! THEN HOW DID IT END UP LIKE THIS?!

WHAT CAN I SAY?

WE'RE JUST... NOT ON THE SAME LEVEL ANYMORE.

I REALIZED THAT WHEN I MET UP WITH HIM.

THERE'S NO WAY A GIRL LIKE ME COULD MARRY AN IMPORTANT GUY LIKE HIM, A MAYOR.

OUR WORLDS ARE TOO DIFFERENT, I'D JUST END UP CAUSING TROUBLE FOR HIM.

I SHOULD STAY IN THE COUNTRY-SIDE LIKE THE COUNTRY BUMPKIN I AM...

WELL, WITH THAT BEING HOW THINGS ARE...

...AND LIVE WITH GRANDMA WHILE I WORK AT MY PART-TIME JOB.

SINCE YOU MANAGED TO GET INTO A GOOD UNIVERSITY AND ALL...

...YOU'D BETTER ACCEPT THAT INVITATION TO COMPETE AND DO YOUR BEST, AMI-CHAN.

...UNLIKE ME.

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I DON'T CARE ABOUT THAT!!

I...

ERI NEE-CHAAAN !!!!!

I'M SO MAD!!!!!

OH... YOU'RE BACK.

TMP TMP TMP

AMI-CHAN, WHERE ARE YOU GOING?!

DASH

AGH!!

WHAT'S THIS?!

FWIP

TUG

A WORK GLOVE?

...HUH?

I CHALLENGE YOU TO A DUEL!!

AHH...LIKE WHAT THEY USED TO DO IN EUROPE IN OLDEN TIMES?

THEY DID?

IF I LOSE, I'LL ADMIT DEFEAT AND ACCEPT THE INVITATION TO COMPETE, OR WHATEVER YOU WANT!!

IN EX-CHANGE...

IF I WIN, NEXT TIME YOU'RE GONNA...

...GO AND PROPOSE TO TAKU-NII PROPERLY!!